



Supreme Court of Illinois

December 27, 2017

SUPREME COURT JUSTICE RITA GARMAN ANNOUNCES VACANCY IN SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Justice Rita B. Garman of the Supreme Court of Illinois has begun an application process for a Resident Circuit Court vacancy in the Sixth Judicial Circuit.

The vacancy will be created by the retirement of Judge Michael Q. Jones on March 2, 2018. Judge Jones has been a Resident Circuit Judge since 2000.

Under the Illinois Constitution, judicial vacancies are filled by Supreme Court appointment. The application process will lead to the final Court approval. Applicants will undergo an evaluation and screening process.

Notice of the vacancy has been posted in the courthouses throughout the Circuit. The application form and instructions may be obtained by visiting the Illinois Supreme Court's website at www.illinoiscourts.gov and following the instructions in the Latest News scroller announcing the Sixth Judicial Circuit vacancy.

To be eligible for consideration for appointment, the applicant must be a lawyer licensed to practice law in Illinois.

Deadline for submission of an application is Wednesday, January 17, 2018.

The person appointed to fill the vacancy will serve until the first Monday in December following the November 2020 election.

The Sixth Judicial Circuit encompasses six counties: Champaign, DeWitt, Douglas, Macon, Moultrie and Piatt counties.

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